

Bar Hill News

The Monthly Magazine of the Residents Association

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Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
News Editor
Typist
Production Team
plus others.

14 places available. Apply immediately to 23 Foxhollow (Tel. 80384).

People

The above heralds the end of another year of the B.H.R.A. Our A.G.M. will be held in the School on Monday, November 10th at 8 p.m., when amongst other things, a new Committee will be elected. This year, this event is particularly important because we will require a new Chairman, Secretary and Editor.

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The objectives of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of Bar Hill Village.

This year's Committee are:

Chairman of the Committee
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary

Ken Anderson
Kevin Read-Jones
George Clapinski
Eric Levitt
Sue Turner
Jo Hall
Mary Ingram
Janet Wood
Tom Flanagan
Peter Hoare
Gerry Brunning
Alan Pell-Coggins
Terry Wingate

47 Fox Hollow
23 Fox Hollow
133 Pheasant Rise
27 Oatlands Avenue
89 Pheasant Rise
41 Otter Close
17 Otter Close
3 Almond Grove
27 Acorn Ave
14 Pheasant Rise
29 Otter Close
28 Gladeside
4 Partridge Drive

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The decision of Kevin Read-Jones, not to seek re-election to the Committee is a particularly sad one. After five years as Secretary, to many people he is Mr. Residents' Association his valuable experience, sympathetic understanding, drive and dilligence will be missed. Rumour has it that Pickfords will be required to pass on his notes and files to the new Secretary.

Whilst Kevin and I are departing, I understand that George Clapinski and Eric Levitt will both offer themselves for re-election although they wish to relinquish their respective posts of Treasurer and Membership Secretary. I am grateful to George for keeping accounts I can at last understand, and to Eric for his energetic membership drive and records that the SS would have been proud of.

Finally, if they will type and produce it, my thanks must go to the News production team who, I am still certain, did not know what they were taking on last January.

May I wish next year's Committee an adventurous and successful year.

Money

The annual accounts will be presented at the A.G.M. However, residents may be interested to know what has been earned and spent during the 11 months, November 1974 - September 1975. During this period our income has been £733, made up as follows:

| | £ | % |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Membership subscriptions | 224 | 31 |
| Dances, fetes & raffles | 343 | 47 |
| B.H. News Advertising | 37 | 5 |
| Bank Interest | 20 | 3 |
| Parish Council Grant | 25 | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | 38 | 5 |
| Income c.f. from 1974 | 46 | 6 |
| | <hr/> 733 | <hr/> 100% |

Expenditure for this period has been £620:

| | £ | % |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Bar Hill News production (materials) | 228 | 37 |
| Insurance | 11 | 2 |
| Dance, fete & raffle costs | 256 | 41 |
| Community School Users Assn. | 5 | 1 |
| Committee expenses | 53 | 9 |
| Purchase of typewriter | 45 | 7 |
| Miscellaneous | 22 | 3 |
| | <hr/> 620 | <hr/> 100% |

Whilst, in theory a "profit" of £113 has been achieved to date, the majority of this money is being held in trust for the childrens playground project which is now underway. Putting aside our important social events (including the fireworks this month) our major expense is of course the production of the 'Bar Hill News', which to date is costing about £21 per issue or 3½ pence each. The average 'News' contains 7 sheets of paper and so we are currently averaging 1p per sheet.

Assuming that all our membership subscriptions, advertising revenue and Parish Council Grant are attributed as 'News' income, this totals £286 or £26 per issue or just over 4 pence each. Thus any drop in subscriptions/advertising/grants or increase in production material costs in 1976 will be vital issues to the 'Bar Hill News'.

Our annual membership subscription has remained at 50pence (10/-) per household since 1967. If it is to remain at this level in 1976, it will depend upon your support. Whether or not this will have to be raised is something the new BHRA Committee will have to decide this month. Whatever their decision, and as retiring Chairman I hope it may remain at 50 pence for the 10th consecutive year, your financial support will be vital.

Ken Anderson

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Our last meeting was held on Tuesday 21st October, venue as usual in the Hut on the Village Green. We are always open to the public and were very pleased to welcome some residents to that meeting.

Next meeting - public invited - Tuesday 18th November Village Green Hut 8 p.m. Details will be posted on the Notice Board in the Mall.

1. Tescos Planning Application

After a great deal of activity by the Parish Council in consulting with residents, developers, Tescos and not least the Planners our case for rejecting Tescos design of building was upheld by the District Council who are the Planning Authority. The essential reason for disliking the application was the very poor architectural quality of the proposed building and the Parish Council view was upheld and endorsed by the Architects' Panel. At the moment I have no indication at what stage another application will be presented.

2. Planning Applications

a) Phase 4 (beyond Pheasant Rise). A revised layout plan for 161 units (143 houses and 18 bungalows) was considered and the general view was that greater thought had been given to layout and design. Although there are several queries and suggested amendments the Parish Council hope this plan can be accepted by the Planning Authority on its revised form.

b) Phase 11a (either side of the Drift on the east of the Village Green). The revised application appeared to be little changed and certainly with regard to maintaining the Drift as a track which can be walked along or the monotony of house type, the Council did not think their earlier criticisms had been resolved. This application will therefore be poosed.

c) H & H Electronics have been granted permission by the Planning Authority to erect a 15,000 sq.ft. single storey building on the Industrial Estate. I am sure such a development is to be welcomed.

NOTE: As soon as Applications are received by me a notice is posted on the board in the Mall giving brief details and also the date of the Parish Council Meeting at which the application will be discussed. The application and plans are available for inspection at my house by anyone interested and your comments either in writing or to the Council meeting are also welcome.

3. Dogs

These quodrupeds are still a problem. It is still only too obvious that many dog owners have no conception or conscience about the fear that can be caused to a child by a loose dog, or worse still the health risk of children falling onto dog excreta. While bye-laws have been considered in the past, it is not felt that they are a solution to what can be a revolting problem. But the adoption of the roads and footpaths does mean that the owner of a loose dog ought to be aware of the risk of his dog being 'loose on the highway'. The Police can, and have prosecuted in such circumstance before.

4. Village Green

The Village Green is by definition an open space open to all on foot, but not those on power-assisted wheels. However, there is a piece of green grass owned by the Education Authority at the back of Acorn Avenue and to the side of the School. This is not intended for use as a village recreational area but as a football pitch/recreation area for children when at school. At other times and for other activities can you please avoid using the School's football pitch area and use instead the Village Green. Again dogs excreta is particularly foul on the children's football pitch or on the Village Green.

5. Road Adoption

At the present time the following roads are now adopted roads and as such subject to the law relating to highways:-

Phase I : Acorn Avenue, Almond Grove, Gladeside, Robin Close, approach road up to the shops and also round to the school.

Phase II : Otter Close/Gardens, Oatlands Avenue, Partridge Drive.

Phase VI : Foxhollow

Perimeter Road : the whole length from the A604, along Saxon Way round the Village until it meets with the perimeter road again.

All footpaths of tarmac construction in and around those phases are included, as is part of the Spine Path.

Excluded - Industrial Area, Pheasant Rise,
Hollytrees and garage forecourts in general.

With this change all these roads are now subject to a speed limit of 30 m.p.h. the requirement to tax and licence a vehicle on the highway, parking restrictions, use of crash helmet on a motor-cycle, control of dogs, etc. etc.

6. School Managers

There are 9 Managers for our School. Of the nine, three are appointed by the Parish Council and one of our appointments, Mrs. Carol Chamberlain is retiring as she and her family are soon to leave the Village. As the Parish Council need to make a replacement appointment for the period through to April 1977, the Parish Council would like to receive before 10th November, suggestions from the Village as to possible names. Obviously an interest in, and use of the School are helpful qualities. The Managers meet once a term and the names of existing Managers should be on display inside the School. Our thanks to Carol Chamberlain for her work as School Managers' Correspondent during the last year.

7. County Structure Plan

The County Planning Department are preparing a massive document as a plan for the development of the County. They want all people to have the opportunity to put their views and accordingly have prepared an explanatory booklet which is available from Libraries. In addition they will consult with elected local bodies.

8. Village Maintenance /Trust

As predicted this is a slow business, and the earliest likely date for a Village Meeting to discuss a possible package now appears to be the end of 1975/early 1976.

9. Kevin's going

After five years hardwork as Secretary of the Residents' Association, Kevin Read-Jones is retiring. You could take the opportunity to express your thanks by attending the Residents' Association A.G.M. on Monday 10th November, 7.30 p.m. at the School. An effort such as Kevin's is, I am sure, appreciated by the Village - perhaps Monday 10th is a good day to show it?

10. Elections for Parish Council

Nominations for the next Parish Council are required in March/April 1976. The election day is May 6th and there will be 11 members on the new council, with all members of the existing Council retiring before the election. If you think you might be interested we would welcome your presence at any future monthly Council meeting. The board in the Mall always has details in advance of meetings.

Mark Pettit,
Parish Clerk.

28, Acorn Avenue. Tel. CH80400

BHRA - FROM THE SECRETARY'S NOTEPAD

New Residents

As you will see from the lack of new people to welcome in the News that the Developers have not started selling any new houses yet. We know however that there are new people moving into the Village, so if the neighbours concerned will let us know, we will make sure they are welcomed in the traditional way.

November 5th

By the time you read this you should have been relieved of your 50p contribution to the Firework Fund, if you haven't you may drop the money into any Committee Members address.

The display will start at 7 p.m. with the customary 'big bang warning' at 6.55 p.m. Please keep to the paths and roads around the display area.

Hot dogs and drinks will be available throughout the display, so if any Dads have to rush in from work, don't worry you can eat and watch at the same time.

We hope our clean records will not be broken, but if anyone does require first aid, the Red Cross have arranged to be on duty in the Church Centre.

N.B. Don't forget your pets - keep them indoors!

A.G.M.

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting to be held in the School on Monday 10th November at 8 p.m. There are still vacancies for the Committee, so if you or someone you know is interested, please let me or one of the Committee know by Sunday 9th November.

Village Dance

Our Xmas Disco Dance will be held on Friday 12th December at the School. Tickets will be available later at £1 each, so please keep the date clear in your diary.

Kevin Read-Jones,
23 Fox Hollow. Tel. 80384

BAR HILL BABYSITTING ROTA

Following requests from parents for babysitting, the Residents' Association have agreed to update the present rota. Anyone wishing to join please contact Jo Hall, 41 Otter Close (80304) or Janet Wood, 3 Almond Grove (80573) for an application form. The rota is worked on a ticket system and each member will be given a basic number of unit houses to start with. One unit per hour before 11 p.m. and double after to be given to the babysitter. Present members will be contacted to see if they wish to remain the list. Membership fee is only 10p.

BAR HILL CHURCH

Services are held every Sunday at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. There is a creche available at the morning service. Everybody is welcome.

Wednesday November 5th

The Church Centre Coffee Bar will be open from 7 p.m. during the firework display.

Sunday November 9th, Remembrance Sunday 10a.m.

Members of the Royal British Legion will be welcome; there will be an act of remembrance at the end of the service.

Wednesday November 12th - 10 - 11.30 a.m.

Coffee Morning in support of the World Wildlife Fund, venue - Church Centre.

Thursday November 20th - 1 - 2.30 p.m.

Lunch in the Church Centre, tickets from Mrs. Jo Hall, 41 Otter Close.

Saturday November 22nd

Variety Show in the Church Centre, see notices for details.

Wednesday November 26th, 10 - 11.30 a.m.

Coffee Morning in support of combined charities. Charity Christmas Cards will be on sale.

Thursday November 27th, 8 p.m.

Church Meeting. Church Members are asked to note this date and make every effort to attend.

Saturday November 29th, 2 - 4 p.m.

Christmas Fair in aid of Church Funds.

J.R. Knight,
Church Secretary.

BAR HILL FERMENTERS GUILD

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Guild was held in the School on October 7th 1975 and was attended by the majority of active members. The following elections to the Club Committee were made:

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| Chairman: | David Morgan, 30 Oatlands Avenue. |
| Secretary/Asst. Sec: | Alan Brown, 7 Fox Hollow (80467) |
| Treasurer: | Tom Whitford, 83 Holly Trees (80397) |
| Committee Members: | Philip Featherstone, 97 Pheasant Rise, Steve Gilbert, 136 Pheasant Rise, (80979). |

All enquiries to either Secretary Please.

Club Discount

Cambrews (home-brewing shop) of Mill Road have agreed to offer a 10% discount to customers upon presentation of a Club Card. Suitable cards are now available for current members of the Guild.

Real Ale

Equipment is now available, on loan to members, for production of 'real ale' from malted grain. Why not try and improve upon Abbot or Adnams?

Future Events for '75

Tuesday November 18th, 8.00 p.m. at the School - Making Liquers; practical demonstration and tasting.

Saturday December 13th at the School small hall - Christmas party - Members only.

BAR HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Trading Centre

This will be closed during the winter months, (Nov. Dec. Jan and Feb.), and will re-open on the 1st Sunday in March.

Appreciation

We all thank Mr. Botfield, who has recently given up the Secretaryship of this Society, for all his splendid work, especially during the trying time of re-organisation recently.

Some Gardening Hints for the Month

Start to clean and clear up the garden, although this month so many flowers are blooming profusely, it would be a pity to cut them down yet. Get up beetroot and carrots and store away. Clobber caterpillars on brussel sprouts and other winter greens and prepare to plant out spring cabbage. Dig over the vegetable garden from cleared areas as soon as possible, leave rough to enable the winter climate to 'weather' the soil into a nice tilth for spring sowing and planting. Into part of the roughly dug over patch sow broad beans, which will survive a not too severe winter. Don't delay digging over our heavy land, the more 'weathering' the better.

Allotments

Allotments have been allocated. The site was ploughed and harrowed, so digging is not strictly necessary, except perhaps for getting out couch grass, a perennial pernicious weed also known as squitch and twitch.

Trees, bushes and perennial plants

These can be planted from now on in well prepared and hopefully weed free soil. Water copiously as soon as planted, this settles the soil particles down, nature abhors a vacuum, especially around the roots. Start to look through the seed and plant catalogues.

BAR HILL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

NEWS! Our contribution to cutting the cost of living - we've abolished the subscription. All parents, teachers and friends are now automatically members of the P.T.A.

Dates for your diary

- 9 & 10 December: Childrens Christmas Concert in the School.
- 17 December: Carol Service in the School. In the evening the wandering singers will tour the village singing carols - just for fun, no collection. Come and join us.
- 7 February: Valentines Day Dance at the School. Strictly limited supply of tickets: £2 single - £3.75 double. Real live music, first rate food, lots of drink - all included in the price of the ticket.
- 22 May: School May Day Fete.

Other Events

Another super car rally (organised by Peter and Barbara Small): Childrens Concert: Music Hall cum Pantomime: and for those who can't add up a special evening called "If only they'd taught me like that"

Full details of all these events will appear in the 'News'.

Kevin Devine.
Hon. Secretary

1st BAR HILL SCOUT GROUP

Is Waste Paper a Waste of Time?

Over the last three months, the quantity of waste paper that we have collected has gone down. In fact the October collection only totalled just over one ton. Bearing in mind that we were collecting more than three tons at the start of the year, you can see how the figure has gone down. So, is it worth it? Is it worth the effort of Scouters, parents and boys when all we can earn from a mornings hard labour is £5? What makes matters worse is the fact that the boys themselves can see the quantities of waste paper and cardboard left out for the dustmen every Friday morning and are asking their section leaders whether or not the village is prepared to help them any longer. It certainly is strange that a village such as ours with such a high proportion of youngsters, nearly seventy boys now in the Cubs and Scouts, seems so reticent when it comes to supporting one of the main organisations that is trying to provide something of value for these youngsters. Yes, YOUR youngsters! Scouting trys to set a standard for boys to live up to so that they can grow. up and offer something to the community in which they live but if the community

itself snubs these boys, how are they going to react. We leave you to try and answer this question and also to ask yourselves if you are doing all you can to help the community in which you have chosen to live. Our next collection is on Saturday November 8th and once again we will be collecting from 9 a.m. onwards. We hope that once you have considered the options you will decide to help these boys to help themselves and SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER FOR US !!!

Boys, Boys and More Boys!

Yes, more and more boys are wanting to join the Cubs and the Scouts and we now have a waiting list for the younger boys. Whilst we have the increasing number of boys coming forward, we do not have a corresponding increase in the number of adults who are prepared to act as leaders for the various training sections. As previously mentioned, Kit Brown is giving up the leadership of the Wednesday Pack and we have now been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Medler who will take over the leadership once Kit moves on. The problem is that Kits' husband used to help her with the running of this pack and this means that we still need extra help. Also the Scout Troop is getting larger every month and once again more help is required. To become a full time leader in the Scout movement is interesting and not too arduous. It can be very rewarding in fact and gives one a sense of being able to help and guide the up and coming generation of youngsters. If you are at all interested, male or female, please contact Jack Bulger of 34, Acorn Avenue, Tel. 80292 who will be pleased to discuss the matter further with you.

Happy Birthday!

On the 17th of last month, the Friday night Cub Pack was three years old and the Cubs had a celebration a week later. A good time was had by one and all and we would like to say a special thank you to the mums who braved the evening and prepared the food and drinks for the party. A touch of Halloween was added to the evening and the Cubs played such traditional games as apple bobbing. Both the leaders, Gerry Craske and John Nunn found it hard to believe that three years had passed since the first seventeen boys turned up at the Church Centre to form the Pack. Now all those original boys have passed on to the Troop or in some cases left the village. To those parents of the boys who were in at the start, a thank you for the support and help you gave Gerry and John in the early days; days when they badly needed your support. The result is now clear, a strong Pack looking forward to the next three years.

Gerry Craske

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Grand Christmas Fair

Do you remember last year's Christmas Fair? This year it is going to be far bigger and better. We are holding it at the School so there will be more space and there is also going to be lots more to buy. There will be plenty of hand made gifts, Christmas decorations and the popular playgroup crackers. The clothes stall will have loads of new clothes to buy at very reasonable prices and of course Father Christmas will be there to meet the younger ones.

So don't forget - 2 p.m. on Saturday 22nd November. Come and support us and bring your cheque books. Do your Christmas shopping without the worry of parking.

Toy Auction

We will be holding a Toy Auction on Friday December 5th at 8 p.m. at the School. If you have any toys you want to sell, please price them and bring them along. Playgroup will take 25% of the proceeds.

Lastly, a plea to all parents to ask their children to keep off the playgroup climbing frame at the back of the Church Centre. There is now a climbing frame on the Village Green, so we do not see any reason why children, especially the older ones, should use the playgroup frame.

Sue Medler,
46, Fox Hollow.

BAR HILL CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club is now firmly established and meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the School. At present there are about ten regular attenders, all of whom would make prospective members welcome at our weekly meetings.

A team has been entered in The Cambridge and District Chess League and I am pleased to be able to report that the first match, against The Perse School, resulted in a win for Bar Hill.

If anyone is interested in joining the Club they should either turn up at the School on any Tuesday evening of 7.30 p.m. or contact Keith Unwin (2 Partridge Drive) or Arthur Andrews (44 Fox Hollow) who will provide further details.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE & DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

I would like to thank all the people who gave jumble for our sale on September 27th. We were delighted with the result. £76. 50.

Readers may like to know that it is National Autistic Week from November 23rd to 29th and we will be holding a "Penny Play In" to launch this years scheme. It will be held on Saturday 22nd November from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon in the Wesley Church Refectory, King Street, Cambridge. There will be various activities for children. So why not take the opportunity to leave them to play while you do some shopping.

I am again selling Christmas Cards for the National Society for Autistic Children, anyone interested please contact Margaret Heppell, 56, Fox Hollow, Bar Hill or visit The Charity Card Shop, Joshua Taylors (choice of 30 charities).

BAR HILL CHURCH CENTRE - NEARLY NEW SALE

The next sale will be on 4th November, 7.30 - 9.0 p.m. and 5th November, 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon at the Church Centre. Please mark articles with your name, address, price and size and bring them at the time of the sale. One third of the proceeds go to Church funds. Unsold items must be collected by 12 noon on November 5th.

Judith Dale

ADVERTISING & COPY DATES

The closing date for the December issue is November 22nd. Advertisement rates are £5 full page, £2.80 half page, £1.50 quarter-page and £0.80 for one-eighth page. Small ads are 10p per line or part-line. Copy is to be handed for this issue to Sue Turner, Janet Wood or George Clapinski (see page 1). We reserve the right to edit copy. We cannot publish anonymous correspondence or guarantee inclusion of late copy.

8 O'CLOCK CLUB

After our theatre trip to London in October our next meeting will be on Thursday 6th November at 8 p.m. in the School, where there will be a talk and slides on "Mountaineering in Greenland". The Speaker will be Mr. Miller. Names will be taken for the Christmas meal at the Arundel Hotel on December 4th.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

FIREWORKS DISPLAY & BONFIRE. November 5th - 7 p.m. Superstore site.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS required for BHRA. Apply 23 Fox Hollow, Tel. 80384 before November 10th.

SEMARITANS HELP if in despair. Telephone Cambridge 64455 anytime or write or call - 9a.m. - 10.30 p.m. at 1 Parker Street, Cambridge.

BAR HILL VILLAGE 10th ANNIVERSARY falls in May 1977. Any ideas to BHRA or Parish Council please.